Shelby Grand Jury Subpoenaes Huie

MEMPHIS (AP) — William Bradford Huie, the magazine writer, who is one of the few people to have talked with James Earl Ray since he has been held here, has been subpoenaed to testify before the county grand jury tomorrow.

The subpoena, served on Huie at a Memphis hotel, directs him to bring with him a 20,000-word handwritten account Ray gave Huie. It allegedly outlines Ray's actions in the months before the slaying here of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

LAWYERS SEAL

MEANWHILE, a panel of lawyers recommended yesterday that contempt of court proceedings be brought against the Rev. James Bevel for statements he has made in the Ray case.

Bevel, an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a former aide to King, said recently he had evidence that Ray was innocent of the killing.

The report, submitted to Judge W. Preston Battle of Shelby County Criminal Court said the committee believed the statements were in violation of Battle's order sharply restricting pre-trial publicity.

Bevel, who said he was at the Lorraine Motel when King was felled by a sniper's bullet here last April 4, put a bid last week to become associated with attorney Percy Foreman of Texas in Ray's defense. Battle said Tennessee law requires that an attorney have a law degree, which Bevel does not have.

BEVEL HAS been subpoenaed as a witness when Ray's trial opens, March 3.

Four persons have been held in contempt for violating Battle's order and the committee previously recommended contempt proceedings against two others.

The committee's report came a day after Ray asked that the taking of photographs of him in his maximum security cell be permitted and that he be allowed to confer privately with his biographer, Huie.

In one of the motions filed Tuesday, Ray said he had been offered between $3,000 and $5,000 by a national "pic-

ture [illegible] names for a [illegible] photos taken [illegible] said he needed the money to help pay for his defense.

Ray asked that he be allowed to plan a convenient place of his choosing to take the pictures. He said he would provide film at [illegible] charge to cover [illegible] If the court objects to publication of the photos before trial, Ray said he would agree to having them impounded until the jury is selected.

RAY COMPLAINED that the only recent photo of him was taken by the Shelby County sheriff's department last July when he was brought to the jail after a non-stop jet flight from London where he had been arrested.

He said that picture shows him "mangled in shame and at the end of a long journey, dishevelled and obtrusive, unfavorable and opprobrious."

Ray said a private meeting with Huie was needed "in order to obviate a misunderstanding and to attune to the changes that have taken place with reference to the case."

Huie paid him $40,000 for the publication rights to his life story and all of that was turned over to the former attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham. Ray said before he fired Hanes and hired Foreman.

HE ASKED that his meeting with Huie be inside his cell, in the courthouse or in an anteroom adjacent to the courtroom. He said there was no privacy when he had to confer with persons who were outside his cell.

"A person is required to talk through a metal network and to look through a seven inch diamond-shaped thick glass," the motion said. "Both vision and hearing are grossly impaired. One (Ray) is required, to be heard, to shout so that his voice and words can be clearly heard on most of the third floor."

Bevel, 32, made his comments on Ray [illegible] in Philadelphia. He refused to discuss what evidence he had, but contended he could prove Ray innocent within 30 minutes.